

Immediate and practical considerations lead us to not need any others."

The recommendation for war with Austria was generally accepted as meaning that the President has at last relinquished hope that peace might be forwarded through attention to Austria from her dominating ally. It also recognizes the extension of the western front, on which American forces are operating, to Italy, and will serve to hasten the Italians.

It was learned to-night that in conversation with congressional leaders before leaving the Capitol the President said that the Austrian declaration was addressed largely to it might be necessary at any time to have American soldiers aid Italy.

\$1,000,000,000 FOR 1919 ENGINEER OPERATIONS

General Black Announces Estimate for Equipment of Corps and Railways.

1,500,000 MEN FOR SERVICE

Congress Provided \$94,500,000 for Engineers This Year, but Deficiency Now Reported Is \$186,000,000—Much for Coast Defense.

ON ALL SIDES FOR ADDRESS

Approval of the address on all sides was pronounced, and was demonstrated not only by the outburst of applause, but in statements of the congressional leaders. Many declared it the greatest of the President's state papers. He was more than a half-hour in his manuscript in clear, penetrating tone, dealing in emphasis and earnestness of delivery as he proceeded to a dramatic conclusion with an invocation to God for victory for a "just and holy cause."

Both branches of Congress adjourned after the President closed the House until to-morrow and the Senate until Friday. Immediate action was taken to transfer the President's war recommendation into action. The House Foreign Relations Committee was summoned to meet to-morrow at 2 P. M. and the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee Thursday morning. Chairman Flood, of the House committee, began drafting the authorization war measure which will be similar to that of April 6 against Germany.

Adjournment of the Senate until Friday precludes final action before that time. Representative Flood plans to introduce the resolution in the House to-morrow and report it for action late to-morrow or Thursday. To save time, the Senate committee plans to consider the House draft while it is before the lower body on Thursday.

ONLY ONE OBSTACLE

IN WAY OF ACTION

The widespread demand for addition of Turkey and Bulgaria in the resolution promises to be the only obstacle in the program of speedy enactment. Republicans in both Senate and House committees are planning to vigorously urge such extension, and many Democrats are in sympathy with them. The Senate committee also has before it a resolution introduced early to-day by Senator Pittman for Senator King, proposing war with all of Germany's allies.

The Senate passed the resolution declaring a state of war with Germany by a majority of 82 to 8, and in the House the vote was 373 to 59. Few expect so many negative votes at this time, and there is little prospect of another such debate as that which preceded action last April.

There has been no indication, however, of what is to be expected from the small group which has opposed the government's war policies. Senator La Follette to-day did not join in the demonstration of approval given the President's utterances. With folded arms and contracted brows, he sat intently watching the executive, but without applause, and did not rise with the throng at various junctures.

Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who voted against the first war resolution, probably will be in charge of the Austrian resolution in the Senate. He has announced his intention to give full support to the prosecution of the war and favors and recognizes the status of Austria.

In addition to the program outlined, the President said other legislation, including measures acting railway and other transportation interests might later become necessary. He promises further recommendation in such event.

DELIVER QUESTIONNAIRES

Postmasters Instructed to Lay Every Effort to Insure, Their Teaching Registrants for Service.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Postmasters have been instructed to make every effort to insure the delivery to registrants for military service of the 9,000,000 questionnaires which will be mailed out by the local exemption boards beginning December 15.

In an order issued to-day by the Post-Office Department postmasters are informed that in case of non-delivery of the questionnaires placed in their hands, return must be made to the local exemption board with the postmaster's endorsement stating the reason for non-delivery.

"In no instance," says the order, "must these letters be returned to Washington or sent to the dead-letter office."

PROBE OF WATER-FRONT FIRE

Federal and City Authorities Begin Inquiry to Determine if Enemy Plotters Are Responsible.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, December 4.—Federal and city authorities to-day began an investigation to determine, if possible, whether enemy plotters were responsible for the fire which last night destroyed several acres of buildings of the plant of the E. W. Morse Dry Dock and Repair Company on the Brooklyn water front. The company was engaged in executing government contracts. The loss was estimated at more than \$200,000.

All of the several hundred employees were summoned into the presence of investigators to-day, and the task of questioning them was expected to continue throughout the day. Officers of the company said no electric lights were burning at the time the fire was discovered, and no furnaces were lit, thus, in the opinion of the investigators, disposing of the stories that a short circuit of wires of defective heating apparatus might have been responsible.

RELIEVE PENNY SHORTAGE

Within Last Month 75,000,000 1-cent Pieces Have Been Coined.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Within the last month 75,000,000 1-cent pieces have been coined to relieve the penny shortage caused by imposition of war taxes. The usual demand for small coins for holiday shopping has been anticipated in the coining of 15,700,000 dimes and 11,000,000 nickels.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Immediate reduction in bread prices wherever possible has been recommended to bakers throughout the country by the war emergency council of the baking industry. Bakers will go under government license December 10, using a formula and producing a standardized loaf required by the food administration.

In announcing recently that the baking industry was to be put under license, the food administration declared there is no reason why bread prices should not be sharply reduced. The information that a reduction has been recommended came to the food administration to-day in a telegram from Henry Stude, of Houston, Texas, president of the National Association of Bakers. The telegram was similar to one sent by the war council to the bakers. It reads:

"The council calls attention to the various recommendations in the United States food administration's report suggesting a reduction in prices, with government control of raw materials used by the baker, and a reduction in operating expenses. There should, wherever possible, be an immediate reduction in price to the retailer."

Comparatively little has as yet been done along these lines," the report says, "although projects for anti-aircraft guns have been adopted, and their accomplishment is now in progress."

NAVAL SURGEON ENDS LIFE

Dr. Bland Williams Shoots Himself Through Brain in Norfolk Hotel.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, Va., December 4.—Surgeon Bland Williams, aged thirty-eight years, and one of the best-known officers in the United States Navy, committed suicide some time last night in a room at a local hotel. Despondency over his physical condition is believed to have led to the rash act.

Dr. Williams left home two days ago, and his family, becoming alarmed for his safety, instituted search, which led to the discovery of his body in the hotel. He registered Monday night and retired early. Examining physicians said he had been dead for hours when the body was found in the room. He shot himself through the brain with a .35-caliber revolver.

Surgeon Williams was recently relieved from duty on a government hospital ship for treatment, and came to Norfolk. He feared, it is said, the loss of sight. He is survived by his wife and two children, residing in Norfolk.

JAMES REILLY DEAD

Managing Editor of Wall Street Journal Victim of Burns and Exposure.

(By Associated Press.)

PATERSON, N. J., December 4.—James Reilly, managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, died to-night in a hospital here. His death was due to burns and exposure. He was taken ill while alone in his home at Ridgewood, Thanksgiving morning, when he was about to leave for Washington on business. While trying to reach the telephone to summon aid he fell down stairs, where his back rested against a steam radiator, and he became unconscious.

It was not until last Sunday morning, three days later, that Mr. Reilly's plight was discovered. His back had been badly burned, and he suffered also from cold when the heating plant was fired out.

REAR-ADMIRAL ROGERS DEAD

Former Commandant of Norfolk Navy-Yard Will Be Buried in Winchester on Thursday.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Rear-Admiral Charles Curtis Rogers, United States Navy, retired, who was commander of the naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba, 1904-1908, and commandant of the Norfolk Navy-Yard in 1910-11, died at a hospital here to-night. He was sixty-one years old and a native of Virginia.

Admiral Rogers' last active service was as commandant of the navy-yard at Portsmouth, N. H. He was retired in 1914 because of ill health. He served as executive officer of the Resolute in the Spanish-American War and received medals for conduct in action off Santiago and Manila. He later commanded the cruisers *Murphy* and *Seattle*, and was stationed at the Navy Department here for nine years. The funeral will be held in Winchester, Va., on Thursday.

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Immediate Cut in Bread Prices Urged

War Emergency Council of Baking Industry Makes This Recommendation.

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VAN RAPPARD TO LEAVE

August Phillips, Named as His Successor as Netherlands Minister, Acceptable to United States.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 4.—August Phillips, named to succeed Chevalier W. L. F. C. van Rappard as Netherlands minister to this country, has been pronounced acceptable to the United States, and he will arrive here in January. He is a prominent international lawyer, and while he has had no diplomatic experience, he has for many years been in charge of the legal matters of the big Dutch oil interests in the East Indies and elsewhere.

Mr. van Rappard will leave for Holland as soon as his successor arrives. He will be intrusted with important duties in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at The Hague. The retiring minister is one of the great Dutch authorities on international law, and it is felt that his experience will be of great value to his country in the problem in which the neutral countries are as much interested as the belligerents, and which will be discussed when peace negotiations are opened.

The Dutch commercial mission now in this country will remain for the present to continue negotiations with the War Trade Board.

NEW QUEBEC BRIDGE OPENS

First Train to Pass Over Consists of Sixteen Freight Cars, One Van and One Private Car.

(By Associated Press.)

QUEBEC, December 4.—The new Quebec Bridge was formally opened to traffic to-day. The first freight train composed of sixteen freight cars, one van and one private car, of a total weight of 1,245 tons, crossed and reversed the bridge yesterday. A large number of the Quebec Bridge and Canadian government railway officials crossed on the first train.

NOT LURED BY RAIDER

Ship's Captain Reports Efforts, by Imitating, Burning Vessel, to Attract Him.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 4.—What a ship's captain believed to be a German raider operating in the Pacific and trying through fires in imitation of a burning vessel to attract its intended victims, has been reported by him in a letter to friends here to-day. The letter, made public here to-day, said: "We were warned by wireless to look out for a raider that might employ strange methods. About 100 miles south of Acapulco, at night, we saw a flare in the sky, and soon noticed what looked like a ship on fire.

"But, being warned, I kept on our course and watched the fire carefully. Soon I noticed that the fire was too steady, and that there were other lights blinking around it. I made a full report when I arrived in our next port."

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NO UNFAIR TREATMENT OF COLORED SOLDIERS

Tales of Discrimination Branded False by Secretary of War Baker.

PART OF HUN PROPAGANDA

No Truth in Statement That Negroes Are Given More Manual Labor Than Is Their Share—"Overworked Hysteria" Responsible.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—In ordering an investigation of complaints of alleged discrimination against negroes in the National Army, Secretary Baker to-day made it plain that he considers most of the complaints unwarranted, and due to German propaganda. The inquiry is to determine whether the War Department's instructions have been carried out that the negroes be not required to do an unfair share of the manual labor of the army.

The secretary, in a memorandum to Emmett J. Scott, former secretary to Booker T. Washington, and recently named an assistant in the department to look after the interests of the negro soldiers, calls upon all citizens of both races to cooperate and prevent the enemy propagandists from attaining their object.

Racial discrimination, the memorandum said, had been discouraged both as a matter of policy and to safeguard "the very institutions which we are now at the greatest sacrifice engaged in defending, and which any racial disorders must endanger."

"I very much regret what seems to be a certain amount of overworked hysteria," the secretary says, "on the part of some of the complainants, who seem to think that only colored draftees are being assigned to duty in service battalions, whereas thousands of white draftees already have, and more of them necessarily will be, assigned to duty in such service battalions."

LICENSED FORCES WIN

Four Additional Massachusetts Cities Swing Into "Wet" Column.

BOSTON, December 4.—Licensed forces won a decided victory over the opponents of the licensed sale of liquor by swinging four additional cities into the "wet" column in the eighteen municipal elections held in this State to-day.

Fall River, Fitchburg, Haverhill and Taunton changed from "dry" to "wet." Notwithstanding the sharpest fight against license which has been made in many years, Springfield remained "wet" by 2,255 votes, and in other cities license forces showed comparative gains.

Taunton, won by the "dry" forces last year by 175 votes, swung back solidly to license to-day with a margin of 1,419 votes.

30,000 NEGROES TO FIGHT UNDER GENERAL PERSHING

These complaints are held by the secretary to be unwarranted, in view of the fact that more than 625 graduates of the negro officers' training camp have been commissioned in the army, that nearly 100 negro doctors have been commissioned in the medical corps, and that a full fighting division—the Ninety-second National Army Division—of 20,000 negro troops is being organized "for duty in France under General Pershing."

Relations between white and negro men at the camps "have been worked out on a satisfactory basis, and little or no trouble seems likely to arise," Mr. Baker finds.

"All of my reports," he continues, "indicate that the colored men are accepting this as an opportunity to serve, and not an occasion for creating discord or trouble, and white men and officers are passing over the question of race difference in a helpful spirit. What we need in this emergency is the help of right-thinking people in the cities and towns around the camps, and we are getting that co-operation so generally that our course seems free from embarrassment, if German propagandists who want to make discord by stirring up sensitive feelings are simply not allowed to do their work."

The War Department is not attempting to solve the race problem, Mr. Baker says, but is calling upon whites and blacks alike to defend the country's honor.

American Mission Visits Field Camp

Colonel House Impressed by Enthusiasm of Men and With Their Exhibition.

BY NEWTON C. PARKER.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, December 4.—The entire American mission, except Vance McCormick and Alonzo Taylor, visited the American camp and American field headquarters this afternoon. They viewed extensive regimental maneuvers in which American artillery and American airplanes participated. There was bayoneting, sniping, launching of theoretical attacks and trench mortar drills.

Colonel House said at the conclusion of the visit:

"I will tell President Wilson that I am greatly impressed by the enthusiasm of the men, and highly pleased with their exhibition."

"I hope that our boys realize that the future of America for centuries depends upon them. If their earnestness is any indication, they do realize it."

General Pershing conducted the visiting party through headquarters. The delegates returned to Paris this evening.

Lord Northcliffe accompanied the mission on their trip. It was his first visit to the American camp.

He was buried in Clifton to-day.

Find War Belle

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 4.—W. T. Sullivan, of Stafford County, while plowing in his field, found an identification tag, in a good state of preservation, bearing the following inscription: "First Lieut. and Henry Bell, Second New York Fire Zouaves, Island of Iona, Iowa County, Ireland." On the reverse side the following: "War 1861, Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Seven Days, Richmond, Bristow Station, Bull Run, Chantilly, Fredericksburg." This is a relic of the War Between the States.

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DIES AS HE STARTS TO ROB POST-OFFICE

Unidentified Dead Man, Grasping Jimmy and Flashlight Found by Postmaster.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MANASSAS, Va., December 4.—Lying face downward on the ground beneath a window of the post-office at Clifton Station, Fairfax County, a man was found dead early yesterday morning, when the postmaster, J. R. Buckley, arrived to open the office. Clamped in his right hand was a flashlight, and in the other a piece of steel. The dead man had been pried open, and it is assumed that he dropped dead in the act of forcing the window. A detective from the Post-Office Department, who was summoned from Washington, is said to have stated that the man had been identified by his photograph in the rogue's gallery, and that he is responsible for many post-office robberies in Virginia and West Virginia. He is said to have been caught in Petersburg in 1914.

A blacksmith in the town, it is said, asserts that the stranger had been in the neighborhood for several days, and that he had given him money to buy food on Thanksgiving Day. He was about thirty-five years old and scantily clad. In his pocket was found an automatic revolver and a letter containing \$9, which was addressed to a man at Sweetnam (Stafford Station), where the post-office had been entered a few nights before. It is thought that the same man is responsible for the recent robbery at Clarendon, Alexandria County, where a large sum of money was taken.

He was buried in Clifton to-day.

A. S. THWEATT DEAD

Was for Many Years General Eastern Passenger Agent of the Southern Railway.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, December 4.—A. S. Thweatt, general Eastern passenger agent of the Southern Railway, and for more than thirty-four years connected with that company, died at his home here to-day after a brief illness. He was born in Millidgeville, Ga., fifty-five years ago, and was widely known in the South as well as in New York. Mr. Thweatt leaves a wife, four married daughters, a son and four grandchildren. Burial will be in this city.

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